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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-126  
Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received, and had the opportunity to review the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG") dated January 16, 2009. Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas decrease from the current \$7.75 per dekatherm down to \$6.50 per dekatherm. Piedmont requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in February 2009.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-126. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



John W. Flitter

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